

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR
A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT**

CONTRACT NO.: DCRL-2014-C-0056
CAPTION: Educational achievement strategy for foster children
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Wendy Jacobson
PROGRAM AGENCY: DC Child and Family Services Agency

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700 and 1701.

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), is seeking a contractor to develop a comprehensive educational achievement strategy for foster children in the child welfare system that strengthens and supports the youth's learning, growth and development from a student and family centered perspective.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

\$13,405.00

4. FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

A top priority for CFSA is to substantially improve the education outcomes for children in foster care. CFSA seeks the development of a comprehensive educational achievement strategy for foster children in the child welfare system that strengthens and supports the youth's learning, growth and development from a student and family centered perspective. This includes recommendations for building an infrastructure within the DC child welfare system that will promote and support a culture of educational achievement with the needed supports and resources, while ensuring academic success is routinely integrated into planning and teaming structures. CFSA seeks to accomplish this through building on its positive steps in coordination with existing research and best practices of the intersection of child welfare and academic achievement that spans the time frame of early intervention through post-secondary and into career pathways.

The Contractor, Wendy Jacobson, is a writer, editor and policy analyst with more than 20 years of experience in the human services field. Wendy Jacobson has helped nonprofits, foundations and government agencies develop programs and issue analyses, reports, journal articles and proposals with education and child welfare as areas of particular focus. Due to the Contractor's expertise in the field and the nature and type of the training, a market survey was not undertaken, as an equally qualified person would not be available.

Due to the complexity of the project, additional concerns and challenges have arisen leading to the contractor needing to spend additional time on this endeavor. This has increased the costs involved due to the increased time involved.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Brenda Donald
Director
Child and Family Services Agency

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer